

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

**Whereas**, Vesta Pruitt, a resident of St. Louis, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday on January 16, 2004; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating her birthday, Vesta Pruitt will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as growing up in the company of two brothers, William and George; marrying Luther Pruitt in 1935; and giving birth to their offspring; and

**Whereas**, Vesta Pruitt has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include three children, Donald, Crystal, and Judith; three grandchildren, Khym, Wendell, and Christian; and four great-grandchildren, Donald Chase, Mallory, Sidney, and Ryan; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Vesta Pruitt has further distinguished herself as the sister-in-law of World War II Tuskegee Airman and hero, Captain Wendell Oliver Pruitt, whose fearless undertakings gave her the inspiration to honor him and countless others with the "Black Americans in Flight" mural which was unveiled in 1990 and is now housed at the Lambert-St. Louis International Airport; and

**Whereas**, January 16, 2004, has been designated "Vesta Pruitt Day" in the City of St. Louis by an official mayoral proclamation from the Honorable Francis G. Slay:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Vesta Pruitt at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri nonagenarian Vesta Pruitt, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Amber (Holly) Boykins  
District No. 60

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker